Procurement and allocation of foodgrains

†174. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any order has been issued by his Ministry regarding nontransportations of "Usana" and "Arawa" rice outside Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the acquisition of 9.30 lac metric tonnes of levy rice has been targeted for Central pool to the State of Chhattisgarh by Government of India;

(c) the allocation of wheat and rice in lac metric tonnes under APL scheme for every month in the current financial year 2009-10; and

(d) whether the paddy of farmers is being purchased at very low price in crop markets due to non-purchase of summer paddy at support price and there is grave dissatisfaction among farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) On the request of the State Government of Chhattisgarh, Food Corporation of India has been asked to accept delivery of 9 lakh tonnes of levy rice in the period June, 09 to September, 09.

(c) 1401 tonnes of rice and 23959 tonnes of wheat have been allocated to Government of Chhattisgarh every month under the APL Scheme (including *adhoc*/additional and equity-based allocations) from April to June, 2009. From July, 2009 to March 2010, 10360 tonnes of rice and 15000 tonnes of wheat have been allocated to Government of Chhattisgarh every month under the APL Scheme (including *adhoc*/additional and equity-based allocations) during the current financial year 2009-10.

(d) No report of sale of paddy below the Minimum Support Price announced by the Government has been received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh.

Procurement of paddy in Chhattisgarh

175. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether paddy has been sown in about 2 lac hectares in summer season in Chhattisgarh and there has been a yield of 6 lac metric tonnes and whether the procurement of paddy by Government is not being made at minimum support price;

(b) whether the paddy from farmers is being purchased by traders at a price lower by Rs. 200 to 250 per quintal than the support price in grain markets; and

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